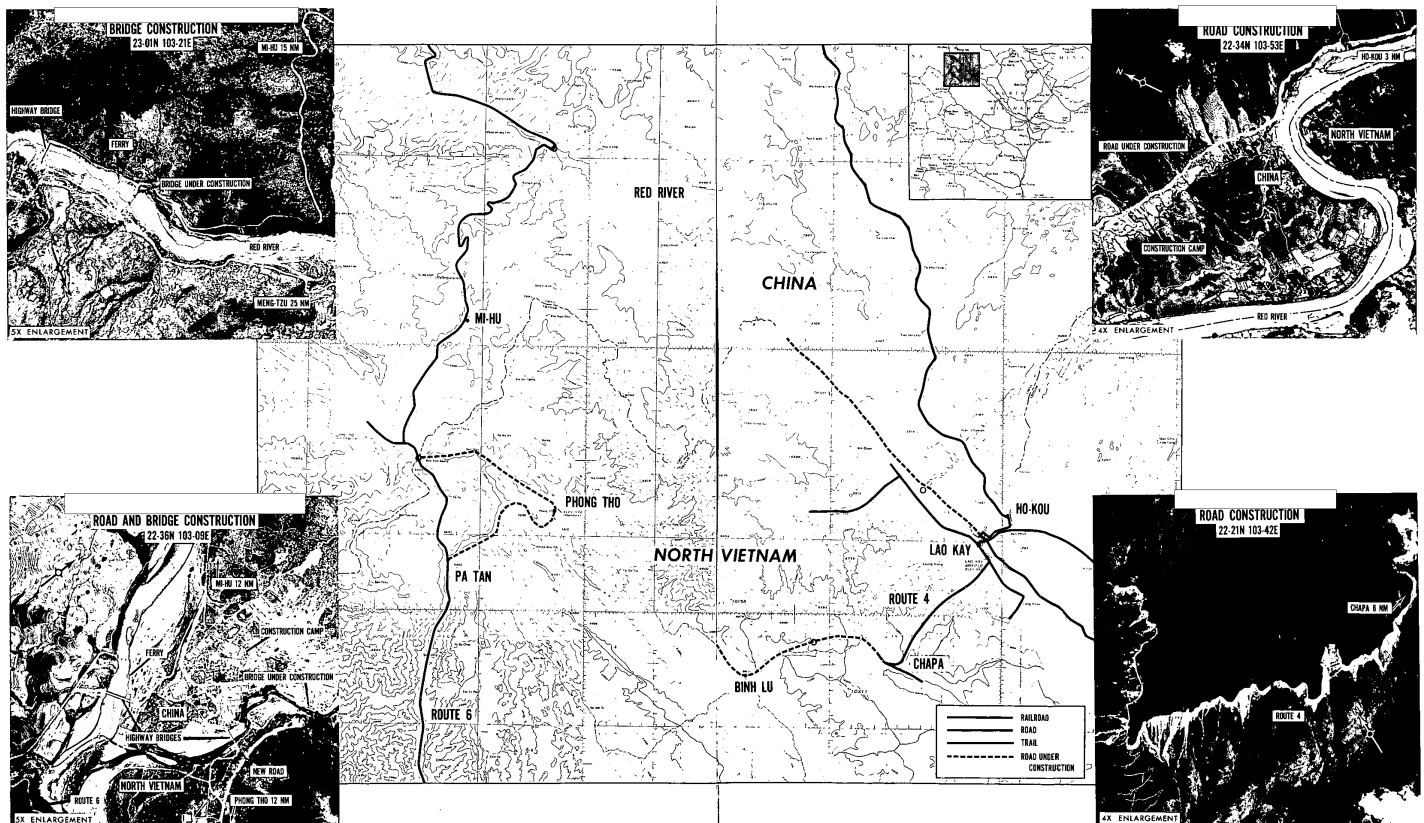


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# ROAD CONSTRUCTION CHINA - NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA



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PAGE 2ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION  
2236N 10309E

[REDACTED], REVEALS A PERMANENT BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION ACROSS THE NAM COUM (RIVER) APPROXIMATELY 12 NM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF MI-HU, CHINA, AND IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF BAN NAM COUM, NORTH VIETNAM. IN THIS AREA THE NAM COUM FORMS THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN CHINA AND NORTH VIETNAM. THIS BRIDGE WILL SERVE A NEW ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM ROUTE 6 AT BAN NAM COUM TO PHONG THO, NORTH VIETNAM, AND BACK TO ROUTE 6 AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY 8 NM SOUTH OF BAN NAM COUM. A TEMPORARY SINGLE-LANE HIGHWAY BRIDGE HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED IMMEDIATELY DOWNSTREAM FROM THE PERMANENT BRIDGE. A SIMILAR TEMPORARY BRIDGE HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED OVER THE TENG-TIAO HO (RIVER) IN CHINA. A SECTION OF A FORMER PONTOON BRIDGE IS BEING USED AS A FERRY ON THE TENG-TIAO HO. A CONSTRUCTION CAMP CONTAINING AT LEAST 40 WORKERS HOUSES, 30 SUPPORT BUILDINGS, 5 ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS AND NUMEROUS SHEDS AND HUTS IS OBSERVED ON THE CHINA SIDE OF THE BORDER.

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ROAD CONSTRUCTION  
2234N 10353E

[REDACTED] REVEALS A ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM THE CHINA-NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AT HO-KOU, CHINA (2231N 10358E), TO APPROXIMATELY 20 NM NORTHWEST OF HO-KOU AT 2246N 10341E. HO-KOU IS LOCATED ON THE CHINA BANK OF THE RED RIVER OPPOSITE LAO KAY, NORTH

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## CHINA-NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA

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REVEAL AT LEAST FOUR AREAS OF ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION  
IN THE CHINA-NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA.

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BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION  
2301N 10321E

REVEALS CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION OF A  
3-SPAN BRIDGE OVER THE RED RIVER APPROXIMATELY 15 NM NORTH-NORTH-  
EAST OF MI-HU, CHINA, AND 25 NM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF MENG-TZU,  
CHINA. THE PIERS AND ONE SET OF CONCRETE ARCHES ARE COMPLETE WITH  
A FOOT BRIDGE IN PLACE ACROSS THE PIERS. A FERRY AND A PROBABLE  
TEMPORARY, LOW 3-SPAN HIGHWAY BRIDGE ARE OBSERVED IMMEDIATELY  
DOWNSTREAM. THE BRIDGE WAS INITIALLY REPORTED UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
ON A NATURAL SURFACE, ALL-WEATHER ROAD CONNECTS  
THE AREA OF BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION TO THE BRIDGE AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION  
ACTIVITY TAKING PLACE NEAR BAN NAM COUM, NORTH VIETNAM, AT 2236N  
10309E. THE COMPLETION OF THESE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WILL RESULT  
IN A GOOD ALL-WEATHER ROAD CONNECTING MENG-TZU, CHINA, TO ROUTE 6,  
AT THE CHINA-NORTH VIETNAM BORDER. ROUTE 6 IS THE ONLY ROAD  
PARALLELING THE WESTERN BORDER OF NORTHERN NORTH VIETNAM AND HAS  
GOOD ROAD CONNECTIONS TO DIEN BIEN PHU, NORTH VIETNAM, AND SAM NEUA,  
LAOS.

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VIETNAM. THE ROAD, WHICH FOLLOWS THE CHINA BANK OF THE RED RIVER, IS A COMBINATION OF NEW CONSTRUCTION AND A WIDENING OF AN EXISTING ROAD. AT LEAST 6 SMALL BRIDGES AND NUMEROUS CULVERTS ARE ALSO UNDER CONSTRUCTION. NUMEROUS SMALL CONSTRUCTION CAMPS ARE OBSERVED ALONG THE ROAD. IF THIS ROAD CONTINUES ON ITS PRESENT ALIGNMENT IT WILL JOIN THE MENG-TZU/BAN NAM COUM ROAD AND BECOME THE ONLY ALL-WEATHER ROAD CONNECTING THE CHINESE ROAD NETWORK WITH LAO KAY, NORTH VIETNAM.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION  
2221N 10342E

[REDACTED] REVEALS A SEGMENT OF ROUTE 4 TO BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM CHAPA TO BINH LU. COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT THE ROAD WILL BE EIGHT TO ELEVEN FEET WIDE WHEN COMPLETED. A POSSIBLE PURPOSE FOR THIS CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IS TO EXTEND ROUTE 4 FROM LAO KAY TO ROUTE 6.

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